GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:78
ANSWERED ON:20.07.2017
Foreign Investment in Solar Power Generation Sector
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed foreign investment in solar power generation sector in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is planning to award contracts for the solar projects in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR POWER, COAL, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)
(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.
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STATEMENT
STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 78 FOR ANSWER ON 17.07.2017 REG. FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN SOLAR POWER GENERATION SECTOR

(a) & (b): Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) up to 100 per cent is permissible through automatic route for promotion of renewable energy in the country. FDI equity inflow upto May, 2017 received in the Non-Conventional Energy sector, which includes foreign investment in solar power is given at Annexure-I.
(c) & (d): The Government has set a target of reaching 100 GW Grid connected solar capacity by 2022. Year-wise targets for solar power capacity installation are given below:

Year/Category	Rooftop Solar (in MW)	Large Scale Solar Power Projects(in MW)	Total
2015-16	200	1,800	2,000
2016-17	4,800	7,200	12,000
2017-18	5,000	10,000	15,000
2018-19	6,000	10,000	16,000
2019-20	7,000	10,000	17,000
2020-21	8,000	9,500	17,500
2021-22	9,000	8,500	17,500
Total	40,000	57,000	97,000*

*3,743 MW commissioned upto 2014-15.
Projects are taken up by Public Sector Undertakings e.g. Solar Energy Corporation of India, National Thermal Power Company Ltd., Coal India Ltd. etc. and State Governments. The status of tenders is given at Annexure-II.